

*Tuesday, June 3, 1947*

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate adopted conference report on tax bill, clearing it for the White House, and agreed to vote on peace treaties on June 5; House completed general debate on War Establishment appropriations bill and filed conference report on labor-management relations bill.

Hearings announced on economic trends.

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

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**Bills Introduced:** Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1373-S. 1375; and S. Res. 121.

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**Bills Reported:** Bills and resolutions were reported as follows:

S. 924, to credit active service in the armed forces for D. C. police and firemen's relief fund (S. Rept. 217);

S. 966, to authorize establishment of D. C. educational agency for surplus property (S. Rept. 218);

S. 1124, to amend the D. C. Boiler Inspection Act (S. Rept. 219);

S. 1191, to authorize changes in the incorporation certificate of D. C. Methodist Home (S. Rept. 220);

H. R. 1624, to authorize payment of allowances to three D. C. police inspectors for use of privately owned motor vehicles (S. Rept. 221);

H. R. 1997, to provide seniority benefits to D. C. police and firemen who are veterans of World War II (S. Rept. 222);

S. 358, to provide for settling certain indebtedness in connection with Pershing Hall in Paris, France (S. Rept. 223);

Six private relief bills—S. 1032, H. R. 620, 723, 1065, 2257, and 811 (S. Repts. 224-229, respectively);

S. J. Res. 112, to establish a commission for plans for the erection in Chicago of a Marine Corps memorial (no written report);

S. J. Res. 113, authorizing erection in D. C. of a Marine Corps memorial (no written report);

H. J. Res. 188, authorizing erection in D. C. of a memorial to the 1st Infantry Division (no written report); and

Six bills authorizing the issuance of land patent in fee to as many individuals—S. 394, 396, 397, 398, 399, and 395 (S. Repts. 230-235, respectively).

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**Bills Referred:** The following House-passed bills were referred to committees indicated: H. R. 174, 577, 981, 1556, 1628, 1882, 2005, 2097, 2207, 2411, 2655, 2852, 3143,

3151, and 3197 (Committee on Public Lands); H. R. 195 (Committee on Agriculture and Forestry); H. R. 310 and 2545 (placed on calendar); H. R. 325, 1054, and 2693 (Committee on the Judiciary); H. R. 468 and 2872 (Committee on Finance); H. R. 673 and 3587 (Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce); H. R. 1379, 2276, 3124, 3215, 3629, and H. J. Res. 167 (Committee on Armed Services); H. R. 1714, 2229, and 2857 (Committee on Civil Service); H. R. 2798, 2799, 2800, and 3448 (Committee on Banking and Currency); and H. R. 3001 (Committee on Foreign Relations). (For passage in House, see Digest, pp. D225-227.)

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**Peace Treaties:** Senate debated the Italian Treaty of Peace. By unanimous consent it was agreed to vote at 2 p. m., June 5, on the ratification of the Treaties of Peace with Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria, and Hungary (Executive F, G, H, and I) and all motions pertaining thereto. Senator Fulbright entered a motion to postpone consideration of the Italian Treaty until January 25, 1948.

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**Tax Bill:** Conference Report (H. Rept. 491) on H. R. 1, reduction of personal income taxes, was approved by 48 yeas to 28 nays.

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**Confirmations:** The following nominations were confirmed: Peyton Ford, as Assistant Attorney General; Robert E. Thomason, to be judge of the western district of Texas; and Albert V. Bryan, to be judge of the eastern district of Virginia.

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### *Reports on Committee Meetings*

#### FERTILIZER

**Committee on Agriculture and Forestry:** Following witnesses testified in opposition to S. 1251, national soil fertility policy and program: Maurice H. Lockwood, National Fertilizer Association, Washington; Dr. G. F. MacLeod, Sunland Industries, Fresno, Calif.; Louis Ware, International Minerals and Chemical Corp., Chicago; Howard A. Parker, Sylacauga Fertilizer Co., Alabama; C. T. Prindeville, Swift & Co., Chicago; B. W. Bellinger, U. S. Phosphoric Products Division, Tennessee

Corp.; Lester E. Britton, Consolidated Rendering Co., Boston; R. P. Koos, N. S. Koos & Son Co., Kenosha, Wis.; and J. R. Simplot, Simplot Fertilizer Sales Co., Pocatello, Idaho.

#### STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on H. R. 3311, State, Justice, Commerce appropriations bill, heard testimony from officials of the Census Bureau and the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

#### TIN

*Committee on Banking and Currency:* Subcommittee on rubber and tin heard the following witnesses testify in support of proposed legislation (to be introduced later) to strengthen the common defense and meet industrial needs for tin through maintenance of a domestic tin-smelting industry: Morris Levinson, Metal Reserves, and Jesse C. Johnson, both of the RFC; Karl L. Anderson, Department of State; Ethelbert Warfield, Tin Processing Corp.; Col. Niergarth, Army-Navy Munitions Board; Edward L. Beardman, Navy Department; Erwin Vogelsang and John Croston, Department of Commerce; and C. A. Ilgenfritz, vice president, United States Steel Corp.

#### OIL AGREEMENTS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Continued hearings on Anglo-American oil agreements (Executive H, 79th)

with favorable testimony from Charles Fahy, legal adviser, State Department; and opposition testimony from W. J. Murray, speaking for the Governor of Texas; Glenn McCarthy, oil producer; and Owen Culberson, representing Texas Railroad Commission.

#### INTERNATIONAL AIR CARRIERS

*Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce:* James Landis, chairman of the CAB, testified in opposition to S. 987, to consolidate American flag international air lines. Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### SMALL BUSINESS—STEEL

*Special Committee to Study Problems of American Small Business:* Subcommittee on steel, studying supply and distribution affecting smaller steel manufacturers and users, heard David L. Wilkoff, of David Wilkoff Co., an exporter of steel, and J. L. Block, Inland Steel Co. of Chicago, each accompanied by officials of their staffs. Mr. Wilkoff discussed his involvement in a sale of steel to the St. Louis Boiler & Equipment Co. at excessive price; witnesses of Inland Steel told of their sales and distributions of steel.

#### NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE

*Special Committee To Investigate the National Defense Program:* Subcommittee met in executive session but made no announcement of action taken.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** Twelve public bills, H. R. 3700-3711; three private bills, H. R. 3712-3714; and four resolutions, H. Res. 228-230, and H. Con. Res. 51, were introduced.

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**Bills Reported:** Bills and resolutions were reported as follows:

H. R. 2167, authorizing inclusion within the Angostura water conservation project of certain lands owned by the United States (H. Rept. 503);

H. R. 2721, promoting conservation of fish and wild-life resources of the Upper Mississippi River (H. Rept. 504);

H. R. 3333, transferring the vessel *Joseph Conrad* from St. Petersburg, Fla., to Mystic, Conn., for museum purposes (H. Rept. 505);

Pursuant to H. Res. 111, investigation of the Pittsburgh beer war (H. Rept. 506).

H. R. 3049, continuing export control until June 30, 1948 (H. Rept. 507);

H. R. 3055, permitting Secretaries of War and Navy to supply utilities to persons in immediate vicinity of naval or military activities (H. Rept. 508);

H. R. 3191, extending the benefits of Missing Persons Act to certain Filipinos (H. Rept. 509);

Conference report on H. R. 3020, labor-management relations bill (H. Rept. 510); and

H. Res. 230, rule waiving all points of order against title II of H. R. 3678, Military Establishment appropriations bill (H. Rept. 511).

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**Committee Referral:** S. J. Res. 117, providing U. S. acceptance of the amendment to the constitution of the International Labor Organization was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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**Order of Business:** Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 4.

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**Private Calendar:** Considered private claims bills on the Private Calendar and took the following action:

*Passed without amendment:* H. R. 1152, 987, 1497, 1531, 2302, 3387, 3170, S. 135, and H. J. Res. 96.

*Passed with amendment:* H. R. 1742, 617, 631, 637, 837, 993, 1144, 1658, 1799, and 1851.

*Passed over without prejudice:* H. R. 1652, 1162, 1508, and 1148.

*Objected to, and recommitted:* H. R. 354, 559, and 813.

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**Military Appropriations:** Spent 4 hours in general debate on H. R. 3678, a bill making appropriations for the Military Establishment for the fiscal year 1948, and read the first paragraph. This measure proposes appropriations of \$5,240,982,423, a decrease of \$475,809,077 from Budget Bureau estimates and a decrease of \$2,022,559,977 from the fiscal 1947 appropriations.

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## Reports on Committee Meetings

### FARM PROGRAM

*Committee on Agriculture:* Resumed hearings on long-range farm program and heard C. W. Bailey, president, American Bankers Association; and John N. Thomson, chairman, subcommittee on agricultural credit of the committee on Federal legislation of the American Bankers Association. Hearings will continue tomorrow.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held hearings on H. R. 2313, foreign missions bill, and heard Gen. George C. Marshall, Secretary of State; Gen. Thomas T. Handy, U. S. A.; and Vice Admiral John L. McCrea, U. S. N., all of whom testified in support of the bill.

### RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION

*Committee on Banking and Currency:* Continued hearings on continuation of RFC, with particular reference to H. R. 3268, guarantee of loans by Federal Reserve banks, and heard Hon. Marriner C. Eccles in favor of the bill, the principal purpose of which is to provide smaller businesses with necessary capital that they could not otherwise obtain. It would enable Federal Reserve banks to guarantee in part loans made by chartered banks to small business for periods up to 10 years. Hearings will continue tomorrow, with representatives of the American Bankers Association.

### RFC BUILDING SPACE—SURPLUS

*Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments:* Procurement and Buildings Subcommittee held hearings on methods used by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in the procurement of building space for its own use by lending money to a private builder on condition that the building be leased to RFC, and heard

W. E. Reynolds, Commissioner of Public Buildings, who outlined the authority and functions of PBA in coordinating the procurement and management of building space for Government agencies; John D. Goodloe, Chairman, Reconstruction Finance Corporation, who presented details of loan agreement and lease option made with Jerry Maiatico for construction and lease to RFC of a new building at Connecticut Ave. and H St., NW., Washington, D. C., and presented an outline of RFC's need for space; and Frank R. Creedon, Housing Expediter, who outlined the reasons for approval of partial and then completion permits for the construction of this building. Hearings will continue tomorrow.

Surplus Property Subcommittee held hearings on general administrative policies of the War Assets Administration, and heard Col. John E. Moore, Director of Personnel, WAA; Carl New, of R. H. Macy & Co., Inc., New York; Warren A. Clohisy, Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago; G. G. Yule, Cleveland, Ohio, formerly WAA district manager, Pittsburgh, Pa.; R. D. Wilbor, Jr., formerly with WAA, Tulsa, Okla.; and Stanley B. Adams, formerly WAA regional director, Chicago.

### FOREIGN AFFAIRS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Met in executive session on committee organization.

### FASCISM

*Committee on House Administration:* Met on H. Res. 83, printing of a documented study and analyses of "Fascism in Action" as a House document. Hearings will continue tomorrow.

### INTERSTATE

*Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce:* Heard Representative Fellows in favor of H. R. 599, to declare Kenduskeag Stream, Penobscot County, Maine, to be a nonnavigable waterway. The bill was ordered favorably reported.

Committee also held executive session on pending legislation.

Chairman announced hearings by Food and Drug Subcommittee on H. R. 3128 and H. R. 3147, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act by providing for seizure of foods, drugs, devices, and cosmetics that become adulterated or misbranded while held for sale after interstate shipment, Wednesday, June 11, at 10 a. m., 414 Old House Office Building.

### ANTIMONOPOLY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Met in executive session on H. R. 515, to amend sections 7 and 11 of the Clayton

Act to prohibit a corporation from acquiring physical properties of a competing corporation in restraint of trade.

#### SEAMEN'S BILL OF RIGHTS

*Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries:* Subcommittee on Ship Construction and Operation and Maritime Labor continued hearings on H. R. 476, to extend certain benefits to merchant seamen, and heard James V. McCandless, Assistant to Commissioner, Maritime Commission, and other representatives of the Commission.

#### LOYALTY

*Committee on Post Office and Civil Service:* Rees subcommittee held hearings on H. R. 3588, Federal Employees' Loyalty Act of 1947, and heard Harry B. Mitchell, president, Civil Service Commission; and Arthur S. Flemming, Civil Service Commissioner, both of whom testified in opposition to the bill. Hearings will continue tomorrow.

#### RECLAMATION—INDIANS—PUBLIC LANDS

*Committee on Public Lands:* Held open session on various bills, agreed to Senate amendment to H. R. 1288, right-of-way to Roscoe L. Wood, and ordered favorably reported to the House the following: H. R. 3022, to promote mining on lands acquired by United States; H. R. 3106, to reenact and amend organic act for Geological Survey; H. R. 3173, relative to restrictions of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma; and H. R. 3372, authorizing agreements with Navajo Indians relative to helium gas.

Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation held hearings on H. R. 1597, to relocate boundaries of Gila Federal reclamation project, and heard R. W. McElhaney, farmer, Mohawk Valley; Harold J. Woodhouse, farmer, Mohawk Valley; C. B. Buckeye, farmer, Roll, Ariz.; and Frank Batley, farmer, Roll, Ariz., all of whom testified in favor of the bill.

#### PUBLIC WORKS

*Committee on Public Works:* Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the full committee H. R. 2955, authorizing and directing Commissioner of Public Buildings to determine the fair market value of Fidelity Building in Kansas City, Mo., and to receive bids for the purchase thereof; and H. R. 3219, appointment of policemen for duty upon Federal property under the jurisdiction of the Federal Works Agency.

#### RULES

*Committee on Rules:* Heard Representative Engel, of Michigan, in favor of a resolution waiving points of order against title 2 of H. R. 3678, a bill making appropriations for the military establishment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948. The resolution was ordered reported.

#### VETERANS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Met in executive session to discuss pending legislation.

#### TAX REVISION

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Continued hearings on general tax revision and heard Bligh A. Dodds, director, International Association of Fairs and Expositions, president New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs; Representatives Wilson and Smathers; James F. Reilly, executive secretary, the National Association of the Legitimate Theatre, Inc., New York, with four representatives of the industry, Miss Ilka Chase, Marc Connelly, Thomas Murtha, and Brock Pemberton, all of whom testified as to the need for reduction of excise tax on admissions.

Committee also held executive session and ordered favorably reported H. R. 3602, to exempt from admissions tax general admission to agricultural fairs; and H. J. Res. 210, to extend the time for the release, free of estate and gift tax, of certain powers of appointment.

#### REPORT ON JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

##### WOOL PRICE SUPPORT

*Conferees* on S. 814, to establish a wool price support program, met in executive session with William L. Clayton, Under Secretary of State, and N. E. Dodd, Under Secretary of Agriculture. Committee continues tomorrow.

##### CURRENT ECONOMIC TRENDS

*Joint Committee on the Economic Report:* In executive session the committee received and began a study of the Dun & Bradstreet survey on business expectations for the second half of 1947.

Senator Taft announced tentative plans for hearings the week of June 23. A subcommittee, consisting of Senators Taft and O'Mahoney, and Representatives Wolcott and Patman, was appointed to complete arrangements for public hearings on current economic trends. Hearings will be conducted by full committee.

The Dun & Bradstreet survey covered some 583 selected business leaders in various economic endeavors.